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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A coaxial connector assembly comprising:

(a) an adapter including:

(1) a first and a second end,

(2) a center conductor and a first outer conductive shell at each end;

wherein the center conductors of each end are electrically connected and the first

outer conductive shells of each end are electrically connected, and the center conductors are

electrically isolated from the first outer conductive shells;

(b) a first eable connector removably mounted to the first end of the adapter, the

first eable connector including a first end and a second end, the second end of the first eable

connector adapted to engage the first end of the adapter and the first end of the first shell

assembly connector adapted to mate with a first coaxial cable connector terminated to a cable;

(c) a second eable connector removably mounted to the second end of the adapter,

the second eable connector including a first end and a second end, the second end of the second

cable connector adapted to engage the second end of the adapter and the first end of the second

cable connector adapted to mate with a second coaxial cable connector terminated to a cable.

2. (Original) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 1, wherein the first end of each of the

first and second connector ends defines one of a plurality of genders and one of a plurality of

styles.

3. (Original) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 2, wherein the plurality of genders

includes male and female.

4. (Original) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 2, wherein the plurality of styles includes

U.S., BBC, and Global.

5. (Withdrawn) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 2, wherein the first end of the first

eable connector defines a different gender and a different style than the first end of the second

cable connector.

6. (Withdrawn) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 2, wherein the first end of the first

eable connector defines a different gender and the same style as the first end of the second eable

connector.

7. (Currently Amended) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 2, wherein the first end of the

first eable connector defines the same gender and the same style as the first end of the second

cable connector.

8. (Currently Amended) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 2, wherein the first eable

connector is threadably mounted to the first end of the adapter.

9. (Currently Amended) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 2, wherein the second eable

connector is threadably mounted to the second end of the adapter.

10. (Currently Amended) A coaxial connector assembly comprising:

(a) an adapter including:

(1) a first and a second end,

(2) a center conductor and a first outer conductive shell at each end;

wherein the center conductors of each end are electrically connected and

the first outer conductive shells of each end are electrically connected, and the center conductors

are electrically isolated from the first outer conductive shells;

(b) a first eable connector removably mounted to the adapter about the first outer

conductive shell at the first end of the adapter, the first eable connector including:

(1) a first center conductor electrically connected to the center conductor

of the first end of the adapter;

- (2) a first conductive front shell electrically connected to the first outer conductive shell of the first end of the adapter;
- (3) a first insulator mounted between and electrically isolating the first center conductor and the first conductive front shell;

the first cable connector including a first end and a second end, the second end of the first cable connector adapted to releasably engage the first end of the adapter and the first end of the first cable connector adapted to mate with a first coaxial connector terminated to a cable;

- (c) a second eable connector removably mounted to the adapter about the first outer conductive shell at the second end of the adapter, the second eable connector including:
- (1) a second center conductor electrically connected to the center conductor of the second end of the adapter;
- (2) a second conductive front shell electrically connected to the first outer conductive shell of the second end of the adapter;
- (3) a second insulator mounted between and electrically isolating the second center conductor and the second conductive front shell;

the second eable connector including a first end and a second end, the second end of the second eable connector adapted to releasably engage the second end of the adapter and the first end of the second eable connector adapted to mate with a first second coaxial connector terminated to a cable.

11. (Original) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 10, further comprising a first conductive outer body releasably mounted to the adapter about the first conductive front shell, with an insulator positioned between the first conductive outer body and the first conductive front shell; and

a second conductive outer body releasably mounted to the adapter about the second conductive front shell, with an insulator positioned between the second conductive outer body and the second conductive front shell;

wherein the first and second conductive outer bodies are electrically connected to each other.

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12. (Original) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 11, wherein the first conductive outer

body, the first conductive front shell and the first center conductor cooperatively define a first

triaxial mating end of a first gender and a first style adapted to mate with a first triaxial

connector, and the second conductive outer body, the second conductive front shell and the

second center conductor cooperatively define a second triaxial mating end with a second gender

and a second style adapted to mate with a second triaxial connector.

13. (Currently Amended) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the first mating

end is the same format style and the same gender as the second mating end.

14. (Withdrawn) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the first mating end is

the same format style and a different gender as the second mating end.

15. (Withdrawn) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the first mating end is a

different format style and the same gender as the second mating end.

16. (Withdrawn) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the first mating end is a

different format style and a different gender as the second mating end.

17. (Withdrawn) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the first conductive

outer body, the first conductive front shell and the first center conductor may be removed and

replaced with a third conductive outer body, a third conductive front shell and a third center

conductor to define a third mating end with the same format style and a different gender as the

first end.

18. (Withdrawn) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the first conductive

outer body, the first conductive front shell and the first center conductor may be removed and

replaced with a third conductive outer body, a third conductive front shell and a third center

conductor to define a third mating end with a different format style and the same gender as the

first end.

19. (Withdrawn) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the first conductive outer body, the first conductive front shell and the first center conductor may be removed and replaced with a third conductive outer body, a third conductive front shell and a third center conductor to define a third mating end with a different format style and a different gender as the first end.

20. (Currently Amended) The coaxial connector assembly of claim 12, wherein the format style of the first triaxial mating end and the format style of the second triaxial mating end are one of a global standard format style, a U.S. standard format style and a BBC standard format style.

21. (Currently Amended) A coaxial connector adapter comprising:

a central housing defining a central axial opening with a first end and a second end, an outer portion of the central housing proximate each end threaded to receive a conductive outer body, wherein the outer body is adapted for mating with a connector terminated to a cable;

an outer insulator mounted within the central axial opening of the central housing;

a first conductive shell extending through the outer insulator beyond the first and second ends of the central housing, the first conductive shell including a first end and a second end each threaded to receive a shell assembly, and the outer insulator electrically isolating the first conductive shell from the central housing:

an inner insulator mounted within the central axial opening of the central housing; and

a center conductor extending between the first and second ends of the central housing through the central axial opening mounted within the inner insulator.

- 22. (Original) The coaxial connector adapter of claim 21, wherein the first conductive outer shell is formed of two parts, one part inserted through each of the first and second ends.
- 23. (Original) The coaxial connector of claim 22, wherein the inner insulator is formed of two parts, and one inner insulator part is mounted within each of the parts of the outer conductive shell.

24. (Original) The coaxial connector adapter of claim 21, wherein the outer insulator is formed of two parts, one part inserted through each of the first and second ends.

- 25. (Currently Amended) A triaxial cable connector system comprising:
 - (a) an adapter with first and second ends;
- (b) a first eable connector selectively releasably mounted to the first end of the adapter, the first eable connector including a first end and a second end, the second end of the first connector adapted to engage the first end of the adapter and the first end of the first connector adapted to mate with a first coaxial cable connector terminated to a cable, the first connector also including:
- (1) a front shell assembly including a conductive front shell and a center conductor mounted within and electrically isolated from the conductive front shell by a center conductor insulator;
 - (2) an outer insulator positioned about the front shell assembly;
- (3) a conductive outer body positioned about the outer insulator and electrically isolated from the front shell assembly;

wherein the first eable connector defines a first connector gender and style;

- (c) a second eable connector selectively releasably mounted to the second end of the adapter, the second eable connector including a first end and a second end, the second end of the second connector adapted to engage the second end of the adapter and the first end of the second connector adapted to mate with a second coaxial cable connector terminated to a cable, the second connector also including:
- (1) a front shell assembly including a conductive front shell and a center conductor mounted within and electrically isolated from the conductive front shell by a center conductor insulator;
 - (2) an outer insulator positioned about the front shell assembly;
- (3) a conductive outer body positioned about the outer insulator and electrically isolated from the front shell assembly;

wherein the second connector defines a second connector gender and style; (d) a third cable connector including:

- (1) a front shell assembly including a conductive front shell and a center conductor mounted within and electrically isolated from the conductive front shell by a center conductor insulator;
 - (2) an outer insulator positioned about the front shell assembly;
- (3) a conductive outer body positioned about the outer insulator and electrically isolated from the front shell assembly;

wherein the third eable connector defines a third connector gender and style; wherein the center conductor of the first eable connector is electrically connected to the center conductor of the second eable connector, the front shell of the first eable connector is electrically connected to the front shell of the second eable connector, and the conductive outer body of the first eable connector is electrically connected to the conductive outer body of the second eable connector; and

wherein either of the first or the second eable connector connectors may be removed from the adapter and replaced with the third eable connector so that the center conductor of the third eable connector becomes electrically connected to the center conductor of either the first connector or the second connector, the front shell of the third connector becomes electrically connected to the front shell of either the first connector or the second connector, and the conductive outer body of the third connector becomes electrically connected to the conductive outer body of either the first connector or the second connector.

- 26. (Currently Amended) The triaxial cable connector system of claim 25, wherein the first, second and third cable connectors may define one of a male or a female gender.
- 27. (Currently Amended) The triaxial cable connector system of claim 25, wherein the first, second and third eable connectors may define one of a U.S., BBC, or a Global style.
- 28. (Withdrawn) The triaxial cable connector assembly of claim 25, wherein the first and second eable connectors define the same gender and different styles.
- 29. (Withdrawn) The triaxial cable connector assembly of claim 25, wherein the first and second eable connectors define different genders and the same style.

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30. (Withdrawn) The triaxial cable connector assembly of claim 25, wherein the first and

second eable connectors define different genders and different styles.

31. (Currently Amended) The triaxial cable connector assembly of claim 25, wherein the first

and second cable connectors define the same gender and the same style.

32. (Withdrawn) The triaxial cable connector assembly of claim 25, wherein the third cable

connector defines the same gender and a different style as the eable connector it replaces.

33. (Withdrawn) The triaxial cable connector assembly of claim 25, wherein the third eable

connector defines a different gender and the same style as the eable connector it replaces.

34. (Withdrawn) The triaxial cable connector assembly of claim 25, wherein the third cable

connector defines a different gender and a different style as the eable connector it replaces.

35. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a triaxial cable connector adapter

comprising:

providing an adapter housing with first and second ends;

selecting a first eable connector of a first gender selected from a plurality of

genders and a first style selected from a plurality of styles, and having first and second ends,

wherein a second end of the first connector is adapted to engage the first end of the adapter and a

first end of the first connector is adapted to mate with a first coaxial cable connector terminated

to a cable;

removably mounting the first cable connector to the first end of the adapter

housing;

selecting a second eable connector of a second gender selected from a plurality of

genders and a second style selected from a plurality of styles, and having first and second ends,

wherein a second end of the second connector is adapted to engage the second end of the adapter

and a first end of the second connector is adapted to mate with a second coaxial cable connector

terminated to a cable; and

removably mounting the second eable connector to the second end of the adapter housing.

- 36. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein the plurality of genders includes male and female.
- 37. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein the plurality of styles includes U.S., BBC, and Global.